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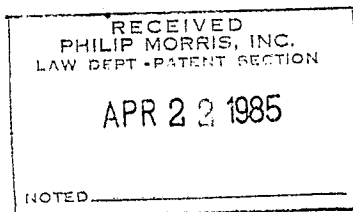
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Dear Art,

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I attach a copy of an official action issued on the Canadian application. The prior art listed seems to be simply that which was notified to the Canadian Office as having been cited in the United States. It has not been applied against the claims and the objections are based purely on formal problems. I think we shall have to accept that claim 16 to the product of the process is not allowable under Canadian practice. The objection that OV and SV must be defined in the claims is something that we should be able to deal with. The objection to claim 3 arises from the inconsistency with the description. In the corresponding European application on which I am writing to you today, claim 3 has been found acceptable but of course the description in the European case had been amended for consistency with this claim. I think we might see whether the Canadian Office will accept an amendment to the description to bring it into line with claim 3.

In regard to the penultimate paragraph of the official action please let me know of any further developments in the prosecution of the U.S. application.

Yours sincerely,

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